



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:

SHAO, XIE, et al.

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ANTI-REFLECTIVE COATING
COMPOSITION WITH IMPROVED SPIN
BOWL COMPATIBILITY

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Examiner: Keehan, Christopher M.

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

In response to the office action dated July 3, 2002, amendment and reconsideration of the above application is requested.

Specifications:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 19, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In one embodiment, the compositions comprise less than about 1.0% by weight of a strong acid, preferably less than about 0.3% by weight of a strong acid, more preferably less than about 0.1% by weight of a strong acid, and even more preferably about 0% by weight of a strong acid, based upon the total weight of the composition taken as 100% by weight. In this embodiment, it is particularly preferred that the polymer utilized has a high weight average molecular weight (e.g., at least about 60,000). As used herein, the term "strong acid" is intended to refer to those compounds